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Dear Dr. Baumann,

Thank you for your letter of October 7th and for the reprints.

Evidently, B. natriegens is not as remarkable as Eagon claimed. Perhaps he had his incubator at 45° (or something).

Nevertheless, our little experience with halophilic isolates from San Francisco Bay suggests that the Beneckias may indeed have cultural characteristics desirable for genetic studies. We would then be grateful if you could send us perhaps a dozen diverse strains and whatever further taxonomic information (or pointers to the literature) you have on them.

Has the group been looked at serologically - a la Kauffmann-White schema for enterobacteriaceae?

Sincerely yours,

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on Beneckia